

## CITY COUNCIL

## COUNCILLORS CHARLES C. YANCEY AND CHUCK TURNER

## GRENADA 36<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary

WHEREAS: The Caribbean Nation Island of Grenada gained full independence from the

United Kingdom on February 7, 1974; and

WHEREAS: The French settled Grenada in the 17th century, established sugar estates, and

imported large numbers of African slaves; and

WHEREAS: The British took the island in 1762 and vigorously expanded sugar production.

WHEREAS: The Government, a parliamentary democracy and a Commonwealth realm, is

headed by Prime Minister Tillman Thomas; and

WHEREAS: Grenada relies on tourism as its main source of foreign exchange especially

since the construction of an international airport in 1985; and

WHEREAS: Grenada is the world's second-largest producer of nutmeg, after Indonesia;

and

WHEREAS: Grenada's population of 91,000 people is 82 percent black, 13 percent mixed

black and European, five percent European and East Indian, and a small percentage of original inhabitants, Arawak/Carib Amerindians; Be It

Therefore

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates Grenada

for 36th years of Independence; Be it Further

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, declares Sunday,

February 7, 2010 as Grenada Independence Day in the City of Boston.

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President of the City Council

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February 10, 2010